

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554**

**IN REPLY REFER TO:
1800B3-KLJ**

October 14, 2010

Clark Parrish
Radio Assist Ministry, Inc.
P.O. Box 5459
Twin Falls, ID 83303

In re: W220DW, Brainerd, MN
Facility ID No. 149174
Silent Since December 10, 2009

Request For Extension of Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Parrish:

This letter concerns the request, filed on August 12, 2010, on behalf of Radio Assist Ministry, Inc. ("Assist"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station W220DW to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that W220DW went silent on December 10, 2009, due to the station's interference to another translator station. On December 22, 2009, Assist requested a STA for the station to remain silent until the interference problems were resolved. The STA was granted February 23, 2010, and expired June 23, 2010. Assist's current request states that a resolution is still being sought. Accordingly, Assist requests that the STA be extended. Assist's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

Assist's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W220DW to remain silent until December 10, 2010. **Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast license for W220DW will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., December 11, 2010.**¹ See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

¹ Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must either be electronically filed or mailed to:

Federal Communications Commission
Attn: 1800B3-DW, Room E-B450
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20554

The station's silent status does not suspend the licensee's obligation to comply with all other relevant Commission rules, including the filing, when appropriate, of applications for renewal of broadcast license. Finally, we note that it is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the stations' towers shall be maintained. See 47 C.F.R. Sections 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Finally, the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 73.1740(a)(4), permit licensees to discontinue operations for good cause and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority, provided that the licensee notify Commission by letter "not later than the 10th day of limited or discontinued operations" and if operations are not able to commence by that time, "informal written request shall be made to the FCC no later than the 30th day for such additional time as may be deemed necessary. Assist failed to timely submit a request for a STA to permit W220DW to remain silent beyond June 23, 2010 and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between June 23, 2010, and August 12, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Taft Snowdon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "H." being prominent and the last name "Snowdon" written in a more continuous script.

H. Taft Snowdon
Supervisory Attorney
Audio Division
Media Bureau